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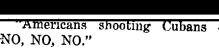
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Let's Not Make Same **CPYRGHT** Cuban Fiasco Again

UESDAY EVENING'S NBC-TV White Paper, Chet Huntley preiding, detailed the agony and the tupidity of the Bay of Pigs venture gainst Castro's Cuba. It was, alas, masterful documentary of Amerian ineptitude and deceit.

In retrospect, the sole individual who emerges unstained — outside of the poor devils taking an active part in the invasion — is Sen. William J. ulbright, the knowledgeable chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Asked his opinion of the impending attack, Fulbright told President Kennedy it was immoral, and perhaps in these days of power politics what is even more important, doomed to failure.

The principal villain of the affair was this nation's Central Intelligence Agency. Its agents infiltrated the ranks of the volunteer organization, which had been formed in Miami for the purpose of eventually invading

Cuba, and took over supervision of most total mystery. the independence movement. They them.

went further.

by President Kennedy. Whether Al- making certain all those that were len Dulles on his own, then CIA to follow, and probably explains why chieftain, or Dulles' subordinates in he was willing to blame himself for Washington on their own, in expecta- the blunder. tion of presidential acquiescence, authorized such promises isn't clear.

battle in order to save the situation, gracefully accepted. Kennedy was adamant:

CPYRGHTIt is conceivable the CIA might have expected authorization from President Eisenhower, under whom the initial preparations for the attack started, but that's rank speculation, because President Eisenhower's role in the whole business remains an al-

In any event, as he should have, enlisted Cuban exiles, moved them to President Kennedy shouldered respon-Guatemala, trained and equipped sibility for the entire unfortunate mess, but, as the program makes That was bad enough, but they absolutely clear, he was a victim of circumstances. The advice given They promised American support him, except by Fulbright, was awand intervention in the invasion - a ful. That he didn't heed Fulbright promise that hadn't been authorized was his one catastrophic mistake,

No American can watch the bare photographic evidence of this shal-The point is, the CIA had no right low, shadowy exploit in undercover to expect authorization from Presi- failure without being deeply shocked dent Kennedy. Indeed, when a top and ashamed. The sight and sound CIA official (Bissell) came to Ken- of an American ambassador to the nedy the night the president was en- United Nations, especially an individtertaining members of the Cabinet ual of Adlai Stevenson's reputation for the first time at the White House and abilities, lying- albeit unknowand urged him to put Americans into ingly - to the world aren't easily or

The Bay of Pigs was worse than a tragedy. It was a fiasco and a completely unnecessary fiasco at that. And for those who would rectify the mistake by starting all over againthis time with U.S. troops in the assault waves wading ashore, the words of President Kennedy shouldn't be forgotten:

"Americans shooting Cubans NO, NO, NO."